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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)  
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To: Delegations

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Subject: Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 2275/1/15.

### 2. Seventh round of mutual evaluations

- 7588/15 GENVAL 9 CYBER 23 RESTREINT UE
- Discussion of the Report of France

The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations, as set out in doc. 7588/15, underlining *i.a.* the need of a common approach at EU level to prevent and fight against cybercrime, frequently of a cross-border nature, as well as to speed up and simplify relevant procedures.

**FR** welcomed the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations. FR proposed the inclusion of the terrorism dimension in the context of the ongoing evaluations on cybercrime.

**The Presidency** will revise the draft report with a view to presenting it at next GENVAL meeting for adoption.

**3. 7th round of mutual evaluations**

- 7587/15 GENVAL 8 CYBER 22 RESTREINT UE
- Discussion of the Report of the Netherlands

The evaluation team presented the content of the draft report and the ensuing conclusions and recommendations, as set out in doc. 7587/1 underling *i.a.* the importance of a common definition of cybercrime at EU level, as well as of an efficient coordination of Member States' action in the prevention and fight against the related criminal activities, underlining Europol's role in this respect.

**NL** welcomed the findings of the evaluation team, replied to the questions asked by other delegations and expressed its commitment to implement the recommendations.

**The Commission representative** referred to the European Agenda on Security adopted on 28 April 2015 <sup>1</sup>, which includes among the core priorities the fight against cybercrime, and pointed out that a common definition of cybercrime at EU level, though of a political and not of a legal nature, already exists in the 2013 Cybersecurity strategy <sup>2</sup>.

**The Presidency** will present the draft report at next GENVAL meeting for adoption.

**4. Draft Council Conclusions on the fight against impunity for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes within the European Union and its Member States**

- 15584/1/14 REV 1 GENVAL 71 COPEN 287 DROIPEN 135 EUROJUST 199 ENFOPOL 363 JAI 879 COHOM 157 RELEX 933
- Discussion and approval

The Working Party discussed the draft Council Conclusions on the fight against impunity for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes within the European Union and its Member States, as set out in doc. 15584/1/14 REV 1.

**FR**, supported by other delegations, proposed some changes to the current text regarding the requests from the Council respectively to the Member States and the EU institutions, and to the Commission, that were generally supported by the Working Party.

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<sup>1</sup> doc. 8293/15 JAI 249

<sup>2</sup> doc. 6225/13 POLGEN 17 JAI 87 TELECOM 20 PROCIV 20 CSC 10 CIS 4 RELEX 115 JAIEX 14 RECH 36 COMPET 83 IND 35 COTER 17 ENFOPOL 34 DROIPEN 13 CYBER 1

UK proposed adding in the footnotes of the draft Council conclusions some text referring to the UK opt-out from Council Decisions 2002/494/JHA and 2009/335/JHA.

The draft Council Conclusions, as set out in the Annex to doc. 15584/1/2014 REV 1, will be revised by the Presidency and sent to delegations for approval by written procedure, with a view to their submission as I/A point to Coreper and to June JHA Council for adoption.

**5. Outcome of 18th meeting of the Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes**  
– **Information by the Genocide network Secretariat**

The Head of the Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes Secretariat briefly presented the outcome of the 18th meeting of the Network, which took place on 22 and 23 April 2015 in The Hague.

The meeting, the conclusions of which are set out in the Annex to doc. 8361/2015, focused mainly on the use of information obtained from Open Sources (OS) and Earth Observation (EO) as evidence for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting the above "core international crimes".

**6. European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)**  
– **Annual Report of Activities in 2014**  
– **7985/15 GENVAL 13 ENFOPOL 87**

**The EUCPN representative**, recalling the Presidency's obligation to report to the Council according to Council decision 2009/902/JHA, presented the Annual Report of the European Crime Prevention Network's activities in 2014, as set out in doc. 7985/15.

He indicated that the Network's activities in 2014 focused on illegal immigration and corruption during the Greek Presidency, and on trafficking on human beings (THB) during the Italian Presidency, and that a Best practice Conference (BPC) on this topic was held in Rome in December 2014. He also referred to the 20 projects presented by the Member States.

- **Work Programme for 2015**
- **7984/15 GENVAL 12 ENFOPOL 86**

**The Presidency (EUCPN representative)** presented the work programme of the European Crime Prevention Network for 2015, as set out in doc. 7984/15 GENVAL 12 ENFOPOL 86, which during the Latvian Presidency is focusing on the prevention of secondary victimisation, and during the Luxembourg Presidency will focus on the topic of cybercrime, which will *i.a.* be addressed in a Conference in December 2015. The network's work with a view to defining the future of the network and its multi-annual strategy for 2016-2020 is foreseen to continue.

**7. Mid-term report on the implementation of the EU Strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings 2012-2016**

- **15013/14 MIGR 140 GENVAL 92 DROIPEN 153 JAI 1035 JAIEX 110 RELEX 1088 COSI 163+ ADD1 + COR 1**
- **Presentation by the Commission**

**The Commission representative** presented the Mid-term report on the implementation of the EU Strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings for 2012-2016, based on the five key priorities of the Strategy: identifying, protecting and assisting victim of trafficking; stepping up the prevention of trafficking in human beings; increased prosecution of traffickers; enhanced coordination, cooperation and policy coherence; increased knowledge of and effective response to emerging concerns relating to all forms of THB.

**8. AOB**

Next GENVAL meeting is provisionally scheduled for 24 June 2015. This will be confirmed later, taking into account the timing for the elaboration of the evaluation reports of UK and SK.